

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

MARCH 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Emergency Communications District of Austin County was held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at the Austin County Emergency Communications District Office, at 842 W. Main, Bellville, Texas, with the following present:

Jay Reeves - President
Walter Morrow – Treasurer
Bobby Rinn – Board Member
Jason Smalley – Board Member
David Watson – Board Member
Vicki Strieder – ACECD Administrative Assistant
Chris Hudson - Visitor

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum was declared by roll call. Roy Mercer and Jason Hammons were absent.

Consideration of Agenda – David Watson made a motion to accept the agenda; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Consideration of Minutes – Jason Smalley made a motion to accept the February 11, 2025 minutes; second made by David Watson – Motion carried.

Consideration of Treasurer’s Report – David Watson made a motion to accept the February 2025 bank statement and accounts balance; second made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried. The reconciliation summary was not available at the time of the meeting.

Consideration of Invoices (Profit/Loss Reports) – David Watson made a motion to accept the February 2025 Profit/Loss reports; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

Old business

- Update on progress from LJA – Casey Lyde continues to work on day-to-day mapping issues with ACECD since we are basically at a standstill until a new Director is hired. In the month of February, private roads were added/reconfigured; road segments were revised, which will help reduce the number of errors on the upcoming report; and parcel updates from ACAD were downloaded to the map. We are still needing the new Starlink set up/connected to increase our internet speed.
- Update on AT&T equipment and fiber link – Jason Hammons, the AT&T representative, was not in attendance. No update.
- Update on next audit from Seidel Schroeder – Bobby Rinn reported that per Roy Mercer, Seidel Schroeder has everything they need to complete the 2023 audit in the next couple months. Once that is complete, the 2024 audit will be started.
- Update on replacement of ceiling tiles - They still need to be replaced. Walter Morrow will order new tiles. There was no update on the contractor being contacted regarding the conference room door not closing properly.
- Update on transferring dispatch services for County EMS & Fire to Westcom – Per Walter Morrow, hardware has come in. Since it has been determined there is not adequate space in the tower that was

originally supposed to house the equipment, a new fiber line still needs to be run to the new station. Once that is complete, the line will be installed into the new server room.

Report from rural addressing:

- New addresses for **FEBRUARY 2025**: 24
- Existing address letter requests **FEBRUARY 2025**: 17

New business – Walter Morrow set up the new Starlink account before the meeting, but a line needs to be run over to the server. BIS, IT services, will be contacted to assist with the line. Bobby Rinn stated Daniel, the contractor, has been asked to come put a brace on the dish on the outside of the building. The price for the Starlink account was noted to be slightly higher than originally quoted.

Report from AT&T – Jason Hammons was absent, but there were no issues reported.

Executive Session - None

Items/Announcements from Board Members –

- Jay Reeves introduced Chris Hudson who is the Captain at Sealy PD. He is also over CID, dispatch, and narcotics. Since Jay is retiring in September 2025, he is recommending that Chris take over his position on the ACECD Board.
- A candidate for the Executive Director's position was sent an offer. It is unknown at this time if he has signed the offer since there was a monetary issue (he wanted more than what was offered). Since ACECD no longer employs an accountant, the Board believes the candidate's request can be easily covered. It is also unknown when his start date will be.

David Watson made a motion to adjourn meeting; second made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

ATTEST:



Jay Reeves, President